

right to be made a Mason, and it is by too many considered a hardship that men whom they consider good men are not permitted to enter the Lodge, On the contrary, *no man has a right to be made a Mason.* It is no hardship to keep him from becoming a member of the society. If he is received, it is a favor bestowed, and should be so regarded. And no man should be admitted until such facts are positively known as will give assurance that he will add strength to the institution, that he is a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, of a social disposition, having a capacity for self-government, able to understand and appreciate our mysteries, and who will aid in transferring the same pure to posterity. Suppose you, an operative Master, would take an Apprentice unless he found him to possess those qualities of heart and head which would enable him, with proper instruction and experience, to become a Master workman? When a committee is appointed, unless the petitioner is well known to them personally, they should call him to meet them, and examine him as to his qualifications, that they may have not only his reputation, but their personal observation to enable them to judge as to his fitness, before making report, and if he be accepted, when he presents himself in the ante-room, and is called upon to declare that he is not influenced by mercenary motives, that he has a sincere desire to be serviceable to his fellow-creatures, etc., he should be made to understand that that *language means just what it says*; and if he is not willing to take upon himself a course of life which will make those words true, he had better retire from the room and proceed no further. I urge this point upon the brethren throughout the jurisdiction. The fraternity is in no danger from without; our danger is from within, and we are, therefore, called upon to guard more carefully against such dangers. The fact that our institution has existed from a pre-historic period, is, of itself, sufficient proof that it is founded upon immutable principles of right, which are adapted to the nature of man, and which possess in themselves the seeds of perpetuity. These principles will continue to exist, whether we truly and correctly administer them or not. Truth is eternal. What time and long experience have sanctioned and approved, should not be laid aside because even the wisest man now on earth may think he knows wherein it can be improved. What has been demonstrated we know; what is now suggested as an improvement, may prove to be folly. There are those in our Order who seem disposed to imagine themselves wiser than all the past. When their pretended wisdom shall seek to change Masonry, or make innovations upon it, they should be rebuked.—*Address of Grand Master of Michigan.*

BROTHER.

Of all the titles sought by men,
I would not ask another,
Than that, when spoken from the heart,
Gives me the name of BROTHER.

This talisman unlocks the soul!
And holier instincts glow;
The hand's warm grasp, the speaking eye,
Show whence these feelings flow.

Let hollow courtiers play their part,
And Fashion's vot'ries bow,
Or soldiers brave their banners wave,
'Tis but a heartless show.

Were I a King or Emperor,
With wealth and titles other,

I would deem myself poor indeed,
Were I without a BROTHER.

For kingdoms have their limits set,
Each empire has its bound;
But the holy bonds of Brotherhood
Clasp the whole world around.

The love that each true BROTHER bears,
Sheds sunshine in the storm,
And 'midst the wintry chills of life
Keeps our affections warm.

Then write this epitaph for me,
When life has closed its span;
"Beneath this stone a BROTHER sleeps,
Who loved his fellow-man."

MASONIC TEMPLE IN ROME.

Correspondence London Times.

IN this present holy year of Jubilee—I use the language of the clerical journals, and am not responsible for its force—a horrible sacrilege has been accomplished under the very eyes of the deeply afflicted Vicar of Christ. This sacred city, the seat of religion, has been profaned by a new and enormous scandal, the opening of a Masonic Temple, a scandal which would seem to have been suggested by the powers of darkness as an especial outrage to the Redeemer, and which, in addition to being an atrocious insult to the Catholic faith, is of so iniquitous a character as to move the Divine wrath to